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## PATENT APPLICATION

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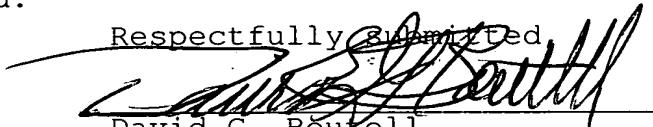
## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect the species of Figure 3 and the sub-species of Figure 5. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-15 are presently believed to be readable on both the elected species and the elected sub-species.

Further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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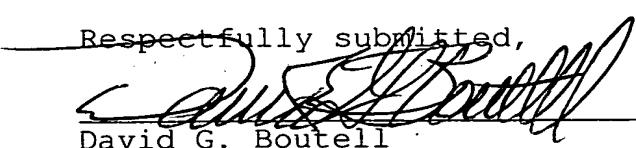
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